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La Casa del Rancho Guajome
San Luis Rey District
San Diego County, California

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Owner: Cave Johnson Coutts, Jr.

Date of erection: About 1851.

Architect: Owner, Lt. Cave J. Coutts.

Builder: Indian labor under direction of Lt. Coutts.

Present condition: Fairly well preserved.

Number of stories: One, except small second story room on South side.

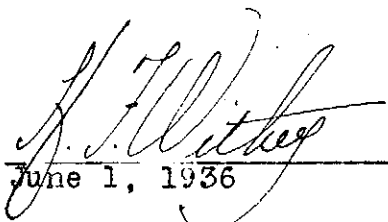
Materials of construction: Field stone foundation laid in adobe or lime mortar. Sun dried adobe brick walls plastered with adobe and white-washed, partly re-plastered with cement mortar. Wood roof framing, tile covered; wood floors; modern cement floors and walks in Patio; cement floors in bath room and in South and North porches. A portion of tile roofs have been replaced with galvanized iron. Sash, doors, shutters and wood trim in living portions of house are oil painted.

Other existing records: Wm. E. Smythe, "History of San Diego" p.160 & 268. "California and Californians" by Rockwell D. Hunt and Nellie Van deGrift Sanchez, Vol. 3, page 419, re Col. Cave J. Coutts. Hero Eugene Rensch, "Historic Spots in California, Southern Counties."

Additional data: Original windows in outside walls were but small apertures 30"x 15", protected with vertical wood bars and shutters but no sash. Later on these were changed to normal sized glazed windows, with wood shutters.

An outside kitchen was added a few years after first construction of house.

Roof tile and some of the heavy timbers of the roof construction were purchased from the San Luis Rey Mission. The second floor tower, or look-out, and the porch on the South front are additions made in more recent years, also the glazed wood partitions on the South side of the patio. Pitched wood roofs covered the patio corridors: see photographs on page 160 of Smythe's "History of San Diego."


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